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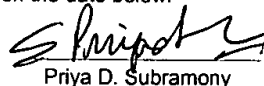
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 09/888,233 entitled "ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND VIABILITY IN C. ELEGANS" – Randy D. Blakely et al.*
Our reference: VBLT:007US
Client reference: VU0135

Sir:

Please find enclosed:

- (1) A Response to an Office Communication mailed March 11, 2003;
- (2) Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a) and (b) and Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g);
- (3) Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing;
- (4) Paper Copy of Sequence Listing;
- (5) Copy of the Office Communication; and

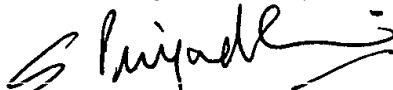
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Randy D. Blakely *et al.*

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Filed: June 22, 2001

For: ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED
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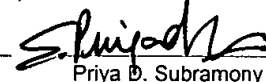
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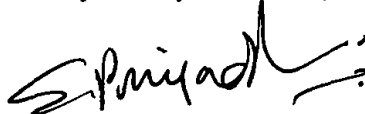
- (a) Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a) and (b) and Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g);
- (b) Computer Readable Form of Sequence Listing;
- (c) Paper Copy of Sequence Listing; and
- (d) A copy of the Office Communication.

Applicants would like to note that a substitute sequence listing correcting the same minor errors raised in the Office Communication dated March 11, 2003, was already filed in a Response by Applicants on November 6, 2001. In any case, another substitute sequence listing as required by the outstanding Office Communication is submitted herewith.

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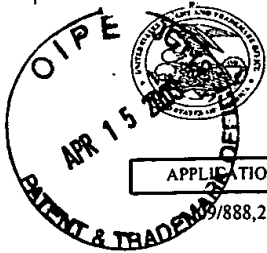
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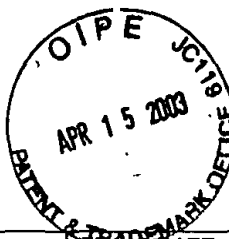
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Sequence Compliance

This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. See the attached raw sequence listing error report. Also there appear to be unidentified sequences on page 32 of the specification.

APPLICANT IS GIVEN A ONE MONTH EXTENDABLE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH TO COMPLY WITH THE SEQUENCE RULES, 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136. In no case may an applicant extend the period for response beyond the six month statutory period. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the response.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner(s) should be directed to Peter Paras, Jr., whose telephone number is 703-308-8340. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 (Eastern time).

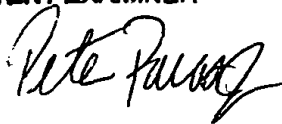
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached at 703-305-4051. Papers related to this application may be submitted by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center numbers are (703) 308-4242

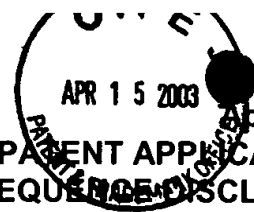
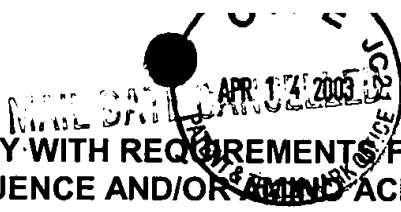
Inquiries of a general nature or relating to the status of the application should be directed to Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (703) 305-3388.

Peter Paras, Jr.

Art Unit 1632

PETER PARAS
PATENT EXAMINER





Application No.: 09/888,233

NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):

- ☒ 1. This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to these regulations, published at 1114 OG 29, May 15, 1990 and at 55 FR 18230, May 1, 1990.
- ☐ 2. This application does not contain, as a separate part of the disclosure on paper copy, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c).
- ☐ 3. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
- ☒ 4. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing."
- ☐ 5. The computer readable form that has been filed with this application has been found to be damaged and/or unreadable as indicated on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report. A Substitute computer readable form must be submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.825(d).
- ☐ 6. The paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" is not the same as the computer readable form of the "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
- ☒ 7. Other: there are unidentified sequences on page 32 of the specification.

Applicant Must Provide:

- ☒ An initial or substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing".
- ☒ An initial or substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification.
- ☒ A statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and, where applicable, include no new matter, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e) or 1.821(f) or 1.821(g) or 1.825(b) or 1.825(d).

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